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LANDSAT FOLLOW-ON INVESTIGATION #22512  
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THE USE OF LANDSAT DCS AND IMAGERY  
IN RESERVOIR MANAGEMENT AND OPERATION

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1. ACCOMPLISHMENTS

A. DATA COLLECTION

ON THE EVENING OF 8-9 DECEMBER 1975 NED'S AUTOMATIC  
DCS TRACKING SYSTEM WAS SET RUNNING UNINTENDED  
OVERNIGHT FOR THE FIRST TIME. IT SUCCESSFULLY TRACKED  
FOUR PASSES THAT NIGHT, AND IT HAS WORKED WELL  
EVER SINCE. A MANUAL CONTAINING OPERATING  
THEORY AND PROCEDURES IS BEING PREPARED AND WILL  
BE COMPLETED FOR OUR NEXT PROGRESS REPORT.

FIGURE 1 SHOWS THE WIDE RANGE OF CAPABILITIES  
DEVELOPED TO DATE. THE COMPUTER OUTPUT NEEDS OF  
NED'S A NEW COMPUTER FROM IX 4014-1 CAT TERMINAL WITH A  
USE OF THIS NEW EQUIPMENT HAS SPEEDED UP OUR OUTPUT.  
FIGURE 2 SHOWS THE WIDE RANGE OF CAPABILITIES  
ALREADY WORKED INTO THE DATA HANDLING PROGRAMS.  
LOCATIONS OF NED'S DCP'S AS OF 30 MARCH 1976 ARE SHOWN  
IN FIGURE 3. TALLIES OF MESSAGES ARE BEING  
KEPT FOR LONG-TERM EVALUATION OF DCP'S AND OVERALL SYSTEM  
PERFORMANCE. A SAMPLE OF THE TALLYING IS SHOWN IN  
FIGURE 3.

NED HAS OBTAINED A NEW FIELD DCP TEST METER WHICH WAS  
BUILT FOR THE U.S.G.S. BY THE GFA ENGINEERING, INC.,  
11800 SW 87TH AVE., MIAMI, FLORIDA 33176.  
DESIGN FEATURES BUILT INTO IT: AN AUDIBLE 'BEEP' WHEN  
THE DCP RECEIVES A SIGNAL; STRENGTH METER THAT HOLDS  
THE MAXIMUM SIGNAL ATTAINED UNTIL IT IS CLEARED MANUALLY.

AS MENTIONED IN AN EARLIER QUARTERLY PROGRESS  
REPORT WE HAVE INTERFACED TWO SNOW PILLOWS TO DCP'S  
AND PLACED THEM IN NORTHERN MAINE. THE INTERFACES FOR  
THESE DEVICES WERE DESIGNED AND BUILT BY THE  
COLD REGIONS RESEARCH AND ENGINEERING LABORATORY (CRREL),  
HANOVER, NH. A SCHEMATIC DIAGRAM OF THE INTERFACE  
IS SHOWN IN FIGURE 4.

DURING THIS REPORTING PERIOD FOUR DCP'S  
WERE USED. THE QUARTERLY REPORT FOR THE  
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RE REFERENCED TO THESE AT BALTICOS  
TEST FOR REPAIRS ON GEL CELLS NOT BE EFFECTED  
AS REFERENCE, PERFORMANCE WAS GOOD AND ONLY THE  
GEOMETRY CHANGES IN THE COLLECTION NETWORK WERE  
JOURNEY OF MEN ZONING.

ON 19 JANUARY THE FORT KENT DCP (72273) BECAME INOPERATIVE  
BECAUSE OF ICE IN THE STILLING WELL OF THE U.S.G.S. GAGE.  
ON 19-20 JANUARY WE CHANGED THE POWER SOURCE AT NINE-MILE  
BRIDGE IN MAINE FROM GEL CELLS TO DRY CELLS BECAUSE  
OF EXCEEDINGLY LOW TEMPERATURE (DOWN TO -45 DEGREES F.).  
IN GENERAL AFTER RECHARGING, GEL CELLS HAVE NOT  
PERFORMED WELL, SO WE ARE INSTALLING DRY CELLS  
INSTEAD AS THE GEL-CELLS ARE USED UP.

OUR FITCHBURG, MASS., DCP (7106) IS REFURBISHING  
NONALID WATER QUALITY DATA, BECAUSE THE MONITOR  
IS NO BEING MAINTAINED.

OUR DCP AT QUINCY, MASS., WAS REMOVED BECAUSE  
OF REPEATED VANDALISM TO HF ANTENNA.

B. IMAGERY

PLANNING IS CONTINUING IN OUR MAJOR FOLLOW-ON STUDY,  
THE USE OF LANDSAT IMAGERY IN WATERSHED MANAGEMENT.  
COORDINATION AND DISCUSSIONS ARE TAKING PLACE  
AMONG THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE:

NED

DR. MARLAN MCKIM, SCIENTIST  
MS. CAROLYN MERRY, RESEARCH ASS'T.  
UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT

DR. TIMOTHY BUCKLEW, HYDROLOGIST  
CORREL  
DR. PAUL BOCK, CIVIL ENGINEER

IN CONNECTION WITH THIS FOLLOW-ON STUDY  
A LANDSAT COMPUTER COMPATIBLE TAPE (1635-14541  
15 APRIL 1974) WAS RECEIVED ON 17 FEBRUARY 1976 FROM NASA.  
THIS CCT HAS BEEN PLACED ON THE GISS (GODDARD INSTITUTE  
FOR SPACE STUDIES) COMPUTER SYSTEM FOR PROCESSING  
BEFORE THE SUBSEQUENT DETAILED IMAGERY ANALYSIS  
OF THE DICKEV-LINCOLN AREA, MAINE. ANOTHER CC  
(149-14572) WAS ALSO ORDERED, HOWEVER, IT WAS  
MISTAKENLY SENT BY NASA TO ANOTHER AGENCY.

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AND IS BEING RECALLED FOR TRANSMISSION  
TO CORREL. TWO OTHER CCT'S (1203-15002, 1365-14593)  
HAVE ALSO BEEN ORDERED AND WE ARE STILL WAITING  
RECEIPT OF THESE TAPES. THE FOUR CCT'S REPRESENT  
SEASONAL CONDITIONS IN THE DICKEY-LINCOLN AREA, MAINE,  
AND WILL ENABLE THE IDENTIFICATION AND  
QUANTIFICATION OF HYDROLOGIC PARAMETERS.

## 2. MAJOR PROBLEMS

### A. DCS

NO MAJOR PROBLEMS HAVE BEEN ENCOUNTERED  
DURING THIS REPORTING PERIOD IN THE LANDSAT DCS.

### B. IMAGERY

THERE HAS BEEN A TIME DELAY IN THE DELIVERY  
OF LANDSAT COMPUTER COMPATIBLE TAPES FROM NASA  
WHICH RESULTED IN A DELAY IN IMAGERY ANALYSIS.

### C. SIGNIFICANT RESULTS

SOON AFTER NED BEGAN RECEIVING REAL TIME DATA DIRECTLY  
AT THEIR LOCAL USER TERMINAL, THE INFLUENCE OF THIS  
INCREASED CAPABILITY WAS CLEARLY SEEN. ON THURSDAY,  
1 APRIL 1976, AN INTENSE STORM WITH TEMPERATURES IN THE  
MID-FIFTIES TOOK THROUGH NEW ENGLAND. CORPS OF ENGINEERS  
RESERVOIRS WERE OPERATED PRIMARILY IN THE CONNECTICUT  
AND TERRIFIC RIVER BASINS, AND ESTIMATED DAMAGES PREVENTED  
WERE \$32 MILLION. THE MAJOR METHOD OF COMMUNICATION  
AND DATA COLLECTION IN THE AFFECTED AREAS WAS OUR LONG-  
ESTABLISHED GROUND-BASED RADIO NETWORK, BUT SIGNIFICANTLY,  
THE LANDSAT GROUND RECEIVING STATION PROVIDED CAPABILITY IN  
A NEW WAY: TO GATHER RELIABLE REALTIME DATA FROM  
NORTHERN MAINE TO MONITOR POTENTIAL FLOOD DANGERS THERE.  
NO DAMAGES OCCURRED IN NORTHERN MAINE AS A RESULT OF  
THIS STORM, BUT IT IS NOTEWORTHY THAT BECAUSE STREAMFLOW  
DATA WERE AVAILABLE FROM A POINT FIFTY FIVE MILES UPSTREAM OF  
FORT KENT, MAINE, NED PERSONNEL HAD A 24-HOUR ADVANCE  
WARNING OF FLOOD CRESTS WHICH COULD THREATEN FORT KENT,  
A COMMUNITY WHICH HAS BEEN HIT HARD BY SPRING  
FLOODING IN THE LAST FEW YEARS. CORPS PERSONNEL  
IN THE EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER WERE THE BEST INFORMED  
PEOPLE IN NEW ENGLAND CONCERNING FLOOD DANGERS IN MAINE.

### D. MEETINGS

NO RECOMMENDATIONS AT THIS TIME.

### E. FUTURE PLANS

A BRIEFING ON THE USES OF LANDSAT WAS GIVEN  
ON 29 JANUARY 1976 TO LTC WILLIAM C. GRIBBLE, JR.  
CHIEF ENGINEER OF THE ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS. DURING  
THIS SPECIAL TOUR TO NED TO VIEW THE NEW GROUND RECEIVING  
STATION IN THE WATER CONTROL BRANCH. RESPONDING  
TO HIS QUESTIONS, COLONEL JOHN NASON TOOK

TO WALTHAM TO VIEW THE NEW DATA COLLECTION METHOD. THE  
CHIEF RECEIVED AN EXPLANATION OF THE VALUE OF THE  
DOING THIS IN INTEGRATING APPROPRIATE PERSONNEL,  
ALERTING APPROPRIATE PERSONNEL AND

GENERAL GRIBBLE'S BRIEFING FOLLOWED BY ONE DAY  
A VISITATION BY COLONEL ROBERT S. MCGLYNN, DIVISION  
ENGINEER OF THE BALTIMORE DISTRICT WHO ALSO CAME TO NED  
TO FIND OUT ABOUT DATA COLLECTION, ESPECIALLY THE NEW  
DOWNLINK. SEVERAL OTHER INDIVIDUALS, STUDENTS AND  
GROUNDS, INCLUDING STUDENTS AND CONSULTANTS HAVE  
VIEWED THE SYSTEM, AND THERE IS ALREADY  
EVIDENCE THAT SOME OF THE FEATURES BUILT INTO  
NED'S GROUND RECEIVING STATION ARE BEING INCORPORATED  
INTO OTHER SYSTEM DESIGNS.

JAMES L. MCMLLEN OF THE PANAMA CANAL COMPANY VISITED  
NED ON 16 NOVEMBER 1975 TO LEARN ABOUT OUR  
TELECOMMUNICATIONS HARDWARE AND SOFTWARE.

ON 18-20 NOVEMBER 1975 TIMOTHY BUCKLEW OF THE  
WATER CONTROL BRANCH TRAVELED TO LABARGE ELECTRONICS,  
INC. IN TULSA, OKLAHOMA, TO ATTEND A  
WORKSHOP ON PROGRAMMING AND OPERATING THEIR NEWLY  
DESIGNED CONVERTER DATA COLLECTION PLATFORMS.  
WHILE THERE, MR. BUCKLEW DESCRIBED NED'S DOWNLINK  
TO SOME 80 OTHER ATTENDEES FROM SEVERAL FEDERAL AGENCIES.

ON 10 FEBRUARY 1976 DR. HARLAN L. MCKINNIN AND  
MS. CAROLYN J. MERRY (CORREL) ATTENDED A DEMONSTRATION OF THE  
LANDSAT DCS DATA BANK AT THE USGS REGIONAL OFFICE  
LOCATED IN BOSTON, MASS. MR. RICHARD PAULSON (USGS)  
AND MR. CHARLES MERK (USGS) DESCRIBED THEIR COMPUTER  
SYSTEM IN RESTON, VA, AND THE ANALYSIS AND DISPLAY  
OF THE LANDSAT DCP DATA. CORREL AND NED ARE  
CURRENTLY INVESTIGATING THE FEASIBILITY OF OBTAINING  
THE LANDSAT DCP DATA THROUGH THE COPE 1200 TERMINAL  
LOCATED AT CORREL. CLOSE COORDINATION WITH NED DURING  
THIS REPORTING PERIOD WAS MAINTAINED THROUGH PHONE  
CONVERSATIONS AND MEETINGS.

### F. RECOMMENDATIONS

A. DCS  
\_\_\_\_\_  
AT THIS POINT WE ENVISAGE USING THE LANDSAT

DCS AS WE HAVE IN THE PAST -- AS A SUPPLEMENTAL SYSTEM TO WHATEVER OPERATIONAL DATA COLLECTION SYSTEM WE ADOPT. LANDSAT DCS CAN NOT IN ITS PRESENT CONFIGURATION SERVE AS OUR PRIMARY MEDIUM BECAUSE OF THE DAILY INTERMITTENT AVAILABILITY, BUT IN TERMS OF CONVENIENCE, RELIABILITY, AND ECONOMICS, IT IS DESIRABLE.

WE WILL CONTINUE TO EXPERIMENT WITH DCP'S SENSORS, AND INTERFACES THAT WILL ENHANCE OUR WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT FUNCTIONS.

B. ACCOUNTING

		A TABULATION OF THE DOLLAR VALUE OF THE IMAGERY DATA ORDERED AND RECEIVED THROUGH 29 FEBRUARY 1976 FOR THIS INVESTIGATION FOLLOWS:		
		TYPE OF IMAGERY	VALUE OF DATA ALLOWED	VALUE OF DATA RECEIVED
		LANDSAT PRINTS AND TRANSPARENCIES (STANDING ORDER)	DOES NOT APPLY	\$8836
		A TOTAL OF \$3996		
DICKEY-LINCOLN, MAINE -- ANALYSIS OF HYDROLOGICAL PARAMETERS	QUANTIFICATION OF SNOW AND ICE COVER. MARCH 76-JUNE 76 SPECIFICATION OF HYDROLOGIC PARAMETERS TO BE EXAMINED	CORRELATION OF GROUND TRUTH DATA TO SNOW RADIANCE FOR PREDICTION OF SNOW WATER VOLUME IN ST. JOHN RIVER BASIN APRIL 76-JAN 77	LANDSAT PRINTS AND TRANSPARENCIES (RETROSPECTIVE ORDERS)	0 0
WETLANDS DISTRIBUTION AND AREAL EXTENT OF WATER	JULY 76-OCT 76	LANDSAT COMPUTER COMPATIBLE TAPES	\$3800	0 0
		AIRCRAFT IMAGERY	\$360	0 0

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LANDSAT-2 DCP INFORMATION SHEET

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DCP NO. STATION NAME PAGE NUMBER

NO.	STATION NAME	PAGE NUMBER	METER(S)*	LAT	LONG
7147	ST. JOHN RIVER AT NINEMILE BRIDGE, ME.	RS UES	46 42 00	69 42 59	
7181	ST. JOHN RIVER AT DICKEY, ME.	RS UG	47 05 25	69 44	
7255	RICHARD FARM AT ALLAGASH, ME.	UES	46 57 43	69 11	
7273	ST. JOHN RIVER AT FORT KENT, ME.	RS	47 15 27	68 35 35	
7071	PENOBSCOT RIVER AT WEST ENFIELD, ME.	RS	45 14 12	68 38 56	
7272	CARABASSETT RIVER NEAR NORTH ANSON, ME.	RS	44 52 09	68 37 26	
7256	SACO RIVER AT CORNISH, ME.	RS	43 48 35	70 46 53	
7271	STINSON MOUNTAIN, N.H.	P	43 50 06	71 46 49	
7127	SOUTH MOUNTAIN, N.H.	P	42 58 59	71 35 21	
7201	PEWIGEJASSET RIVER AT PLYMOUTH, N.H.	RS	43 45 33	71 41 19	
7233	MERRIMACK RIVER NEAR GOFFS FALLS, N.H.	RS	42 56 54	71 27 52	
7214, 7331	COLD REGIONS LAB, HANOVER, N.H.	T			VARIABLE
7246	MASSACHUSETT MOUNTAIN, MA.	P	42 29 24	71 53 15	
6063	IPSWICH RIVER NEAR IPSWICH, MA. (1)	RS	42 39 35	70 53 39	
7106	NORTH NASHUA RIVER AT FITCHBURG, MA.	RS	42 34 34	71 47 19	
7142	CHICOOPEE RIVER AT CHICOOPEE FALLS, MA.	UQ	42 09 37	72 34 52	
7024	WESTFIELD RIVER AT WEST SPRINGFIELD, MA.	UQ	42 05 59	72 38 28	
7207	FRENCH RIVER AT WEBSTER, MA.	UQ	42 03 03	71 53 08	
-----	YED HEADQUARTERS, WALTHAM, MA.	T	42 23 46	71 12 56	
7012	BRANCH RIVER AT FORESTDALE, R.I.	RS	41 59 47	71 33 47	
7345	PAULIXET RIVER AT CRAYSTON, R.I.	RS	41 45 03	71 26 44	
7254	CONNECTICUT RIVER AT HARTFORD, CT.	RS	41 46 10	72 49 04	
7242	CONNECTICUT RIVER NEAR MIDDLETON, CT.	RS	41 33 49	72 36 45	
7206	PORTER BROOK NEAR MANCHESTER, CT. (2)	RS	41 45 55	72 30 12	
7124, 6216	(3) RL AT GST GT UP				
7042, 7325	(3,4)				
7010, 7304, 7171, 7220, 7207, 7335	SPARES				

\* P = PRECIPITATION  
 UES = WATER EQUIVALENT  
 OF SNOWPACK  
 RS = RIVER STAGE  
 RL = RESERVOIR LEVEL  
 UQ = WATER QUALITY  
 (TEMPERATURE,  
 CONDUCTIVITY,  
 PH AND DISSOLVED  
 OXYGEN)

AT = AIR TEMPERATURE (S)  
 GST = GROUND SURFACE  
 TEMPERATURE  
 GT = GROUND TEMPERATURE (S)  
 UP = WIND BASSAGE  
 PU = PARAMETERS VARIABLE  
 T = TEST SET

- (1) DCP BELONGS TO U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, BOSTON, MA.  
 (2) DCP ON LOAN TO U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, HARTFORD, CT.  
 -ON DEMONSTRATION AT THE MANCHESTER NATURE CENTER  
 (3) DCP ON LOAN TO U.S. ARMY COLD REGIONS RESEARCH AND  
 ENGINEERING LAB, HANCOCK, N.H.  
 (4) NOT YET INSTALLED

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FIGURE 1.

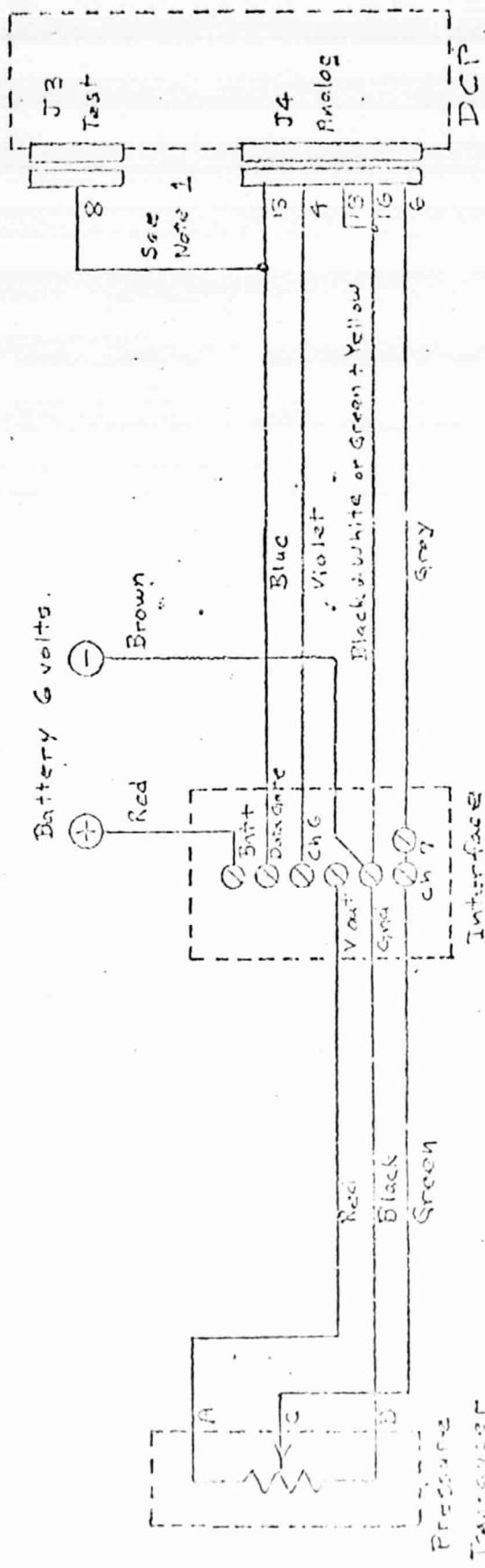
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FIGURE 2. PRINCIPAL COMPUTER OUTPUT FROM LANDSAT DATA HANDLING PROGRAM

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTALS
DCP	23	116	220	103	126	126	126	126	126	126	126	126	468
7147	7191	7355	7228	7071	7272	7356	7179	7187	7291	7233	7331	7246	7186
7191	6	41	145	168	11	11	161	126	89	127	129	129	375
7355	6	41	363	392	132	141	273	273	163	126	126	126	619
7228	49	145	363	392	132	141	273	273	163	126	126	126	372
7071	39	168	392	132	141	141	89	89	89	89	89	89	121
7272	39	168	392	132	141	141	127	127	127	127	127	127	126
7356	23	11	11	11	11	11	127	127	127	127	127	127	125
7179	7179	7179	7179	7179	7179	7179	194	194	194	194	194	194	194
7187	28	126	273	273	273	273	194	194	194	194	194	194	194
7291	25	89	89	89	89	89	126	126	126	126	126	126	126
7233	8	•	•	•	•	•	82	82	82	82	82	82	82
7331	8	•	•	•	•	•	82	82	82	82	82	82	82
7246	29	•	•	•	•	•	82	82	82	82	82	82	82
7186	27	111	273	273	273	273	173	173	173	173	173	173	173
7242	46	166	223	223	223	223	207	207	207	207	207	207	207
7021	7021	7021	7021	7021	7021	7021	165	165	165	165	165	165	165
7287	27	96	96	96	96	96	165	165	165	165	165	165	165
7307	9	•	•	•	•	•	87	87	87	87	87	87	87
7304	9	•	•	•	•	•	87	87	87	87	87	87	87
7345	16	16	16	16	16	16	163	163	163	163	163	163	163
7254	16	16	16	16	16	16	12	12	12	12	12	12	12
7335	6	•	•	•	•	•	184	184	184	184	184	184	184
7286	17	80	80	80	80	80	185	185	185	185	185	185	185
7042	6	•	•	•	•	•	129	129	129	129	129	129	129
7325	6	•	•	•	•	•	129	129	129	129	129	129	129
7019	6	•	•	•	•	•	129	129	129	129	129	129	129
7012	6	•	•	•	•	•	129	129	129	129	129	129	129
7171	6	•	•	•	•	•	129	129	129	129	129	129	129
7271	6	•	•	•	•	•	156	156	156	156	156	156	156
7273	6	•	•	•	•	•	178	178	178	178	178	178	178
TOTALS	363	1100	2279	2583	2583	2583	2583	2583	2583	2583	2583	2583	2583
GTOT			6325										
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FIGURE 3. SAMPLE TALLY OF TOTAL NUMBER OF LANDSAT MESSAGES RECEIVED

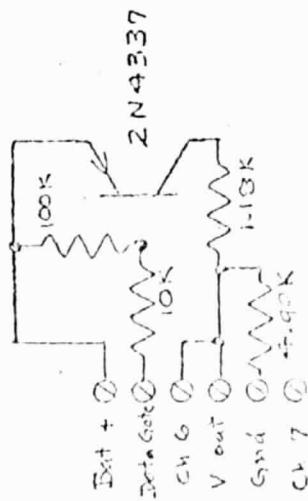
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Note 1: On some DCPS, data gate is not wired  
to pin 13, J4; in which case connect  
data gate lead to pin 8, J3.

### INTERCONNECTION DIAGRAM - Snow pillow transducer to interface to DCPS



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FIGURE 4 SCHEMATIC DIAGRAM OF SNOW  
PILLOW INTERFACE.

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